
News Release

DURHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES OPENING OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE WHITBY CAMPUS EXPANSION

WHITBY, Ontario, May 26, 2011 — Colin Carrie, MP Oshawa along with Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering and Don Lovisa, President of Durham College, was at Durham College in Whitby today to officially open the Phase Two building that will provide an additional 22,000 square feet to the campus.

The project received a Government of Canada investment of \$7 million through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program (KIP) and \$12 million from the Ontario government through the 2009 Budget.

In Ontario, the Knowledge Infrastructure Program represents a total investment of more than \$2.3 billion to improve infrastructure at postsecondary institutions. The federal government is investing \$799 million in 56 KIP projects while the Province of Ontario is providing \$981 million toward 49 of those projects. Other partners are contributing an additional \$569 million. Also, the province is providing \$75 million for another eight projects.

“Our government’s investments in college research and training facilities have created and maintained jobs across Canada,” said Colin Carrie, MP Oshawa. “This project will allow Durham College to strengthen its reputation as an innovative leader in our community and across Canada.”

“Our Provincial government’s investment in post-secondary infrastructure has given our students in Durham Region the tools they need to be leaders in their fields and pursue world-class excellence,” said Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering. “Our government’s investments in the knowledge economy strengthen Ontario’s position as a leader in green building trades and technology.”

“The opening of Phase 2 of our Whitby campus expansion is a true celebration of the skilled and building trades that will have a tremendous impact on post-secondary and apprenticeship students now and in the years to come,” said Don Lovisa, President of Durham College. “I extend my sincere thanks to both levels of government for their support and funding for the Whitby campus, enabling us to introduce new opportunities for post-secondary and apprenticeship students in skilled trades areas that are critical to our local, provincial and national economies.”

Through Phase 2 of Durham College's Whitby campus expansion, 22,000 additional square feet of space has been added to campus including an expanded shop area for additional students and programs focused on green building trades and technology. This includes the addition of new carpentry, chemistry, heating, ventilation and air conditioning techniques and energy labs; classrooms and boardrooms; student association space and reception area at the front of campus.

Through this phase, the college is also introducing two new residential labs to give students a sense of the many changes happening in the construction and building trades. One is an older home with dated technology and wiring that was moved to the Whitby campus from Banting Street in Oshawa earlier this year and the other is a newer home that will be built this summer and offer the latest in environmentally friendly and energy-efficient technologies.

As part of Canada's Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada introduced the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, a \$2-billion economic stimulus measure to maintain and improve research and training facilities at Canadian universities, colleges and CEGEPs. The program is providing economic stimulus, creating jobs, and generating the advanced technological infrastructure needed to keep Canadian institutions at the forefront of scientific advancement and ensure economic growth in the future.

The Government of Ontario is investing more than \$1 billion in infrastructure at colleges and universities to modernize facilities and boost long-term research and skills training capacity. This investment is part of the government's Open Ontario plan to help to build the most highly skilled and educated workforce in the world, giving Ontario the competitive edge in securing a strong economy for the future.

For more information on the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, visit the [Knowledge Infrastructure Program website](#). For information on Canada's Economic Action Plan, visit the [Canada's Economic Action Plan](#) website.

For information about how the Government of Ontario is helping to build and revitalize infrastructure across the province, please visit: www.infrastructureapp.mei.gov.on.ca/en/. To learn more about the Government of Ontario's Open Ontario Plan, visit: www.ontario.ca/openontario.

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